

HOUSE RESOLUTION 35

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William "Bill" Coe of  
Cookeville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the  
passing of William "Bill" Coe; and

WHEREAS, William Coe was an exemplary public servant and consummate  
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in  
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born December 27, 1929, Mr. Coe was the son of Kenneth D. and Minnie  
Lou Elder Coe. He was the seventh of eleven children, and he was born and raised in  
Byrdstown of Pickett County; and

WHEREAS, William Coe was drafted into the United States Army, and he served as a  
medic during the Korean War with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, he married the love of his life, Peggy Ann Patton, on May 4, 1959.  
Together, they owned and operated the Dixie Café in Byrdstown for twenty years. In 1976, they  
sold the property and moved their family to Cookeville, where they later owned and managed  
multiple rental units for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coe had a passion for cooking and watching sports, particularly the  
Atlanta Braves. He loved to talk with people, and he had immense pride in his children and  
grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, William Coe was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always  
endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived and remembered fondly by his wife, Peggy Coe; children,  
Ken Coe, Becky Ginn, and Beth Coe; grandchildren, Meredith Ginn, Drew Ginn, and Abby Ginn;  
sister, Joyce Huddleston; and numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, William Coe leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of William "Bill" Coe, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Coe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.